

# References to "Provo <sup>&</sup> River Valley"

## "Provo Valley" (for short)

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storm visited G. S. L. Valley and did much damage to property. Samuel Leaver and Wm. Redman froze to death.

*Mon. 13.*—The Utah legislature convened in G. S. L. City and adjourned to meet at Fillmore.

*Sat. 18.*—The Utah legislature convened at Fillmore, and organized by appointing Willard Woodruff president of the Council *pro tem*, and Aaron Johnson speaker of the house *pro tem*. It then passed a resolution to adjourn the assembly to G. S. L. City.

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## 1859.

The Federal judges in Utah exercised undue authority and caused considerable difficulty by instituting court proceedings against the leaders of the Church and others. A number of settlements were founded in Cache Valley, where a Stake of Zion was organized. Provo Valley, Utah, was settled at Heber, Milwau and Charles-

*January.*—*Sat. 1.*—The *Millennial Star* announced to the Saints in Europe that emigration to Utah was again open for those who had means to take them through.

*Tues. 11.*—A legislative act, changing the county seat of Washington County from Harmony to the town of Washington, was approved.

*Wed. 19.*—An act passed by the Utah legislature reorganizing Carson and Green River Counties and attaching St. Mary's and Humboldt Counties to Carson County, was approved. Geneva was made the county seat of Carson and Ft. Bridger of Green River County.

*February.*—The Deseret Alphabet was first introduced in Utah.

The 56th quorum of Seventy was organized at Brigham City, Box Elder Co., Utah. Some time previously the 56th and 57th quorums had been organized.

*Thurs. 3.*—The 56th quorum of Seventy was organized by Joseph Young at North Willow Creek (Willard), Box Elder Co., Utah, with George J. Marsh, Thomas W. Brewerton, John M. McGraw, Richard J. Davis, Eliza Malloy, Matthew W. Dalton and Peter Greenhagen as presidents.

*Fri. 11.*—The 60th quorum of Seventy was organized at Ogden, Weber Co., Utah, with Luman A. Shurtliff as senior president.

*Fri. 25.*—The 61st quorum of Seventy was organized at Mill Creek, G. S. L. Co., with John Scott, James Craig, Wm. Casto, James P. Park, Andrew J. Rynearson, Dudley J. Merrill and Thurston Larsson as presidents.

*March.*—Plain City, Weber Co., Utah, was settled by Jesse G. Folkman, Christopher O. Folkman, Jens Peter Folkman, Joseph Steen, Daniel Collett, John

Spiers, John Carver, Wm. Geddes and others. *Tues. 8.*—Associate Justice John Chadlebrough, in his charge to the grand jury, composed of "Mormons" at Provo, called them "fools," "cliques," "instruments of a tyrannical church despotism," etc. Provo was occupied by a detachment of U. S. troops.

*Wed. 9.*—A small company of Saints, under the leadership of Joseph Humphreys, bound for America. They arrived at Boston early in May, 1859.

*Mon. 21.*—A small company of Saints from Australia arrived at San Francisco, Cal., en route for G. S. L. City.

*Tues. 22.*—Howard O. Spencer, a Mormon youth, was assaulted and brutally beaten on the head by Sergeant Ralph Pike, of the U. S. army, in Rush Valley, Utah.

*Sun. 27.*—Gov. Cumming issued a proclamation against the presence of troops in Provo. About this time it was reported that certain U. S. officials had entered into a conspiracy to secure the arrest of Pres. Brigham Young, and that Col. Johnston had promised the assistance of U. S. troops under his command to effect the arrest. As a consequence Gov. Cumming notified General Daniel H. Wells to hold the militia in readiness to prevent the outrage, should it be attempted; 5,000 troops (militia) were placed under arms.

*April.*—*Mon. 4.*—The U. S. troops evacuated Provo.

*Wed. 6.*—The 29th annual conference of the Church was commenced at G. S. L. City. Benjamin L. Clapp, one of the presidents of the Seventies, was excommunicated from the Church on the 7th, for apostasy.

*Mon. 11.*—The ship *William Tinsell* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 725 Saints, under the direction of Robert F. Neslen. The company arrived at New York May 14th, and at Florence, Neb., May 25th.

*May.*—*Tues. 10.*—Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston promised protection to all persons who wished to leave the Territory of Utah.

*Wed. 11.*—Isaac Alfred was assaulted and killed by Thomas Iyle, at Mount Pleasant, Sanpete Co., Utah.

*Wed. 18.*—Joseph Abbott was killed by lightning, while engaged in planting corn on the "Old Fort Square," G. S. L. City.

*Thurs. 26.*—James Johnson, a son of Luke S. Johnson, of Shampshire County, was shot and mortally wounded by Delos Gibson in G. S. L. City. Death ensued the following day. A number of other murders, principally among bad characters who infested the Territory, took place about the same time.

*Sun. 29.*—Leo Hawkins, clerk at the Historian's office, died in G. S. L. City.

*June.*—Logan, Cache Co., was first settled.

*July.*—*Sun. 10.*—Hon. Horace Greeley, editor of the New York *Tribune*, arrived at G. S. L. City en route for California. The ship *Albatross* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 30 Saints, under the

direction of James Chaplow. It arrived at New York Aug. 21st.

*Thurs. 14.*—Geo. W. Bradley was ordained Bishop of Moroni, Sanpete Co., which place had recently been settled.

*August.*—*Mon. 1.*—Wm. H. Hooper was elected Utah's second delegate to Congress. Hon. John M. Bernhisel having served in that capacity since the organization of the Territory.

*Thurs. 11.*—Sergeant Ralph Pike, a U. S. soldier, was shot in G. S. L. City, in supposed retaliation for having cracked the seal of Howard O. Spencer with a musket, five months previously.

*Mon. 15.*—U. S. soldiers set fire to a hay stack at Cedar Fort, Cedar Valley, Utah, and fired upon the citizens in the night. The soldiers were excited over the killing of Sergeant Pike.

*Sat. 20.*—The ship *Enowald Isle* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 34 Saints, mostly Swiss, under the direction of Henry Huze.

*Sat. 27.*—The first number of the *Mormon*, a weekly newspaper, was published in G. S. L. City; Messrs. Blah, Ferguson & Stout editors and proprietors.

*Mon. 29.*—Captain James Brown's company of immigrants, which had left Florence June 13th, and consisted of 353 souls with 59 wagons, arrived at G. S. L. City.

*September.*—*Thurs. 1.*—Capt. Horton D. Haight's wagon company (called the Church train), bringing merchandise and 134 immigrants, arrived at G. S. L. City.

*Sun. 4.*—Capt. George Rowley's handcart company, which had left Florence, June 9th, with 235 souls, 60 handcars, and 6 wagons, arrived in G. S. L. City.

*Thurs. 15.*—Capt. Robert F. Neslen's company of immigrants, consisting of 372 souls, with 58 wagons, which had left Florence June 26th, arrived in G. S. L. City.

*Fri. 16.*—Capt. Edward Stevenson's immigrating company, consisting of about three hundred and fifty souls, with 54 wagons, arrived at G. S. L. City. It had started from Florence June 26th.

*Sat. 17.*—Alexander Carpenter was shot and mortally wounded by Thomas H. Ferguson in G. S. L. City. Both were non-Mormons.

*October.* *Mon. 10.*—Smithfield, Cache Co., was settled by Seth Laughton and Robert and John Thornley.

*Fri. 28.*—Thos. H. Ferguson, the murderer, was executed in G. S. L. City. This was the first execution of a criminal in Utah.

*November.* *Mon. 14.*—A State of Zion was partly organized in Cache Valley; Utah. Peter Mangum was appointed presiding Bishop in Cache Valley. Logan Ward was organized, with Wm. B. Preston as Bishop.

*December.* *Mon. 12.*—The ninth annual session of the Utah legislature convened in G. S. L. City and organized by electing Daniel H. Wells president of the Council and John Taylor speaker of the House.

This year Spring City, Sanpete Co., Utah, was resettled under the name of Little Denmark.

## 1860.

General Albert Sidney Johnston, left Utah with a part of the Federal army, which had been stationed at Camp Floyd, Cedar Valley, since 1858. A large immigration arrived in Utah from Europe.

*January.* *Wed. 25.*—John King was accidentally killed and buried in a snowslide, in Centerville, Canyon, Davis Co., Utah. *February.* *Tues. 7.*—The Social Hall, G. S. L. City, was reopened for public amusements, which had been discontinued there for three years.

*Wed. 15.*—Wm. Price was ordained the first Bishop of Goshute, Utah Co.

*March.* *Thurs. 1.*—Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, commander of the Utah Army, left Camp Floyd for Washington, D. C. He had never visited G. S. L. City since he passed through with his army on June 29, 1858. Philip St. George Cooke, formerly commander of the Mormon Battalion, succeeded Johnston in the command.

*Sun. 4.*—Levi Gifford, formerly a member of Zion's Camp, died at Moroni, Sanpete Co.

*Mon. 19.*—Dr. Wm. France died suddenly in G. S. L. City.

*Sun. 25.*—Apostle Ezra T. Benson moved to Logan, Cache Co., having been called to preside over the Saints in Cache Valley.

*Fri. 30.*—The ship *Underwriter* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 564 British and Swiss Saints, under the presidency of James D. Ross. It arrived at New York May 1st, and the emigrants continued to arrive as Church emigration agent this year, to arrange for the journey across the plains.

*April.*—Hyrum, Cache Co., Utah, was first settled by about twenty families. In the following month Calvin Brigham was appointed Bishop. Paradise, Cache Co., was settled about the same time.

*Sat. 7.*—The Saints who had settled on lower Beaver creek, Beaver Co., Utah, were organized into a Ward named Minesville, by Apostles Amasa M. Lyman and Charles C. Rich; James K. Rollins, Bishop.

The first "Pony Express" from the West arrived at G. S. L. City, having left Sacramento, Cal., on the evening of April 3rd.

*Mon. 9.*—The first "Pony Express" from the East arrived at G. S. L. City, having left St. Joseph, Mo., on the evening of April 3rd.

The Union Academy was opened in the building known as the Union Hotel (afterwards Deseret Hospital), with Orson Pratt as principal.

*Fri. 13.*—Thos. Miles was attacked and wounded by Indians, between Ogden and Kayville. The savages proceeded to Brigham City, where they stole horses and insulted the citizens.

*Mon. 16.*—Hyde Park, Cache Co., was settled by several families from Utah County.

*Fri. 27.*—Jack Cole, a horse thief and outlaw, was mortally wounded at Spring.

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## DAVID WOOD

David Wood, a son of Benjamin Wood and Agnes Benedict Wood, was born July 6, 1799, in Schoralia, New York. He married Catherine Crites, daughter of George Crites and Jane Ann Cane Crites. She was born December 4, 1796, in Osneburg, Cornwall County, Canada. They came to Utah in 1851.

David Wood was an active member of the Mormon Church. He assisted in building the Nauvoo Temple. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker. He spent considerable time as a successful missionary among the Indians.

He and his good wife were sturdy, courageous people who did much to pioneer and develop Provo valley.

David Wood died March 6, 1871 in Midway. His wife, Catherine, died January 2, 1879, in Midway.

They were the parents of 10 children:

Benjamin George, married Christann Duel

Sarah Catherine, died in infancy

Margaret Polly, married Levi Empey

David, died in early manhood

Sarah Ann, married Hyrum Oaks

Amanda, married Jesse McCarrell

Delilah, died in youth

William Osburn, married Eliza Kettle

Elizabeth Agnes, married Benjamin Mark  
Smith..... 687

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Oscar Alexander, married Mary Jane  
Ross.